



Today in History

January 1, 1914

▲ **Northern and Southern Nigeria became a single British colony, to strengthen its economy and offset growing tension with German colonies in the region**

1502: Portuguese navigators discovered a large bay on the coast of Brazil and named it Rio de Janeiro

1892: Ellis Island opened in New York to screen immigrants for entry into the United States

1901: The Commonwealth of Australia came into being

1914: The first paying passenger flew from St Petersburg, Florida, with pioneer aviator Tony Jannus on board a Benoist Airboat airliner